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## FAMOUS DYNAMITER DIVISION HOLD UP REBEL ASSAULT AT IRUN

### SITUATION IN KWANGTUNG

#### 19TH ROUTE ARMY'S MOVEMENTS

#### LIM KIANG AND HUP PO OCCUPIED

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.  
The entire 19th Route Army will move into Southern Kwangtung as a base for the operations against the Nanking forces in this province, while the objective is Canton, stated a dispatch from Wuchow received here this morning.

While Chinese papers stated that the division of the 19th Route Army which occupied Lim Kiang and Hup Po in Southern Kwangtung has returned to Kwangsi, confirmation is lacking. Most of these troops do not occupy the towns but remain on the outskirts and villages, where they can be protected from air-raids by Nanking planes by seeking shelter among trees and hills.

Mr. Ku Ching, President of the Judicial Yuan, General Ching Chien, Chief of Staff of the Military Affairs Commission, and General Chu Pei-teh, a member of the Commission, arrived at Nanning yesterday afternoon from Canton by air to urge Generals Li Chung-jen and Pai Hsueh-shi to accept Nanking appointments and leave Kwangsi. If this peace mission fails, an open clash between Kwangsi and Nanking troops is inevitable.

### SOVIET TRIAL ECHOES

#### Asiatic Republics Indignant

#### REVOLT IN GEORGIA?

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.  
It is reported that the Moscow trial has caused storms of indignation in the two Asiatic republics Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, while the Tartar Republic is resolved to separate from Soviet Russia and join Turkey.

In Georgia, where M. Stalin was born, the situation is said to be the worst as the relatives of M. Stalin are leading a movement against Moscow.

M. Litvinoff's intervention on behalf of Radek, Sokolnikoff and Piatokoff is said to have induced M. Stalin to take a more moderate course. — Trans-Ocean Service.

### SOVIET ARMY INCREASES

#### 600,000 YOUTHS CALLED UP

Moscow, To-day.

About 600,000 youths of the 1914-15 class have been called up to the colours, but though this means a considerable temporary excess over the normal strength of 1,300,000, it is pointed out that the ultimate discharge of the older preceding class, which is still under arms, will bring the army to normality.

The calling up of the 1914 class and half of the 1915 class gives effect to the recent decree lowering the age for military service to 19. — Reuter.

### RECRUITING OPENS

#### National Defence Measures

London, To-day.

Recruiting opened yesterday both for the new infantry section of the Army Supplementary Reserve and for the new National Defence Companies of the Territorial Army. Two new reserves being established as part of the Government's programme for making good the accumulated deficiencies in national defence. — British Wireless Service.

### HAPPY DAYS FOR CANTON

#### Salaries In Full Again

#### CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY PROJECT

[From a Special Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

General Huang Mo Chung, the chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, has instructed Mr. T. L. Sung that from September 1, 1936, all Government servants in Kwangtung, both military and civil, will be paid in full instead of receiving their salaries at 80 per cent. as before, despite the fact that the revenue in Kwangtung will decrease by about \$20,000,000 per year after the complete ban of gambling and the 20 per cent. extra of levies. It will be remembered that in the recent revolt against the Central Government, 20 per cent. was deducted from the salaries of the Government servants towards the fund for the revolt.

It is reported that Mr. Chang Ka-ngooi, Minister of Railways at Nanking, will come to Canton. The object of his visit will be to consult with the Generalissimo as to the construction of a branch of the Canton-Hankow Railway to Whampoa. He will probably visit Hong Kong to consult with the British Railway authorities as to the connection of the Canton-Hankow and the Kowloon-Canton lines.

### MR. LLOYD GEORGE VISITING BERLIN TO-DAY

London, to-day.—Mr. D. Lloyd George, accompanied by his son Major Gwilym Lloyd George and his daughter Megan, is leaving for Germany to-day to have informal talks on the European and general world situation with Herr Hitler, and to study agricultural schemes and labour camps. — Reuter.



Worker-soldiers of Madrid, who repulsed the Fascist rebels, are here shown with a field piece they captured last month. Heavy street fighting marked the ousting of the rebels, with scores killed and hundreds wounded.

## \$12,000,000 LOAN FOR KWANGTUNG

### BONDS IN NATIONAL CURRENCY

#### BOTH SIDES PREPARING FOR WAR

[From a Special Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

The Administrative Yuan at Nanking passed a resolution yesterday that the Central Government will issue \$12,000,000 worth of 4 per cent. Government bonds in national currency in Kwangtung to make up the shortage in the silver reserves of the Kwangtung paper notes, issued by General Chen Chi-tong, in the Province. These Bonds will be issued on October 1, and the term will be 30 years. They are guaranteed by the national revenues in this province.

Mr. Ku Cheng and Generals Ching Chien and Chu Pei-teh went to Nanning by air at 11 p.m. yesterday arriving there at 3 p.m. They will stay there for two days to hold the final peace conference with the Kwangsi warlords. It is learned that the Generalissimo has promised to give positions to General Pei Chung-hsi, Mr. Li Chai-sum, Mr. Chen Ming-shu, and some of those who have lost their political positions. General Li Chung-jen will remain as Pacification Commissioner of Kwangsi, and General Huang Shao-hung, the former Chairman of the Chekiang Provincial Government, will be appointed Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, for General Huang is also a native of Kwangsi. The re-establishment of the 19th Route Army will be reconsidered and it will be paid by the Central Government, but all the military, civil and financial affairs of Kwangsi must be under the supervision of the respective Ministries of the Nanking Central Government.

### MONGOLIA AND MANCHUKUO

#### Attempt To Settle Disputes

Moscow, To-day.

The Mongolian Republic and Manchukuo have agreed to reopen negotiations at Manchuli on September 25 for the settlement of their dispute. They have agreed that the discussions will cover the establishment of two mixed Mongolian and Manchurian commissions, one for the examination of the existing frontiers between the Mongolian People's Republic and Manchukuo, and another which will investigate the circumstances and cause of past frontier disputes.

Simultaneously with the appointment of the second commission, authorised representatives are to be appointed to settle frontier disputes together at their place of residence. — Reuter.

Though peace negotiations are now progressing between Nanking and Kwangsi, both sides have been preparing for war during the last few days. General Chien Chung-chak has been called to Canton from Wuchang by the Generalissimo to take charge of the transportation services in case of war.

Owners of private vehicles have been asked to lease their cars to the Government, and Central troops have been dispatched to the south-west of Kwangtung to look after the Kwangsi armies. Heavy troops are now stationed on the frontiers of Yunnan and Hunan Provinces, and the bombers stationed at the same place, as well as the naval forces led by Vice-Admiral Chan Kwai-liang, are waiting for the order to attack at any time.

On the other hand the Kwangsi Armies are moving forward to the north near the frontier of Hunan Province, with the object of capturing Hengchow, which is the point of conjunction of the Canton-Hankow railway, so as to cut off the Central troops into two separate lots. Mines are laid in the waters above Wuchow, and trenches are dug in Linchow and its neighbouring districts. — Reuter.

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## GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE FIRST MAJOR BATTLE

### 1,600 KILLED IN COURSE OF LAST TWO DAYS: POSITION UNCHANGED

#### MOLA DECLARES HOUR OF VICTORY AT HAND

London, To-day.

A message received from Biriattou from Mr. Murphy, Reuter's special correspondent in that area, says that the battle for Irun waged all day long yesterday and the valley of the Bidassoa River reeked with gunpowder. Ambulances could be seen ascending and descending the slopes of the hills around Irun, while a ceaseless procession of stretcher-bearers visited the casualty clearing stations.

The insurgent gunfire appeared to be extremely accurate and in the absence of adequate dugouts, the deathroll among the defenders must be presumed to have been heavy. Over 600 shells fell on the Government positions guarding the remaining 300 yards of the topmost ridge commanding the entry into Irun, while the battle was essentially a big-gun duel, in which the rebels gained the advantage. The rifle and machine-gun fire never ceased.

Opposite the French town of Biriattou the country near the frontier was torn by the heavy bombardment. A deluge of shells and bombs fell all day long. The little red-roofed Spanish farms dotted between Alunda and La Puncia were riddled with projectiles, and many are still smoking. The firing continued with unabated violence until dusk, both sides fighting in a veritable hell of cannon and flame. Although the loyalist lines were badly churned up the troops manning the trenches refused to fall back, doggedly holding their positions.

The Government brought up the famous "Dynamiters," daredevil miners who hold on to improvised bombs until the moment they are due to explode. Bloody gaps appeared in the insurgent ranks as the miners fung grenades and packets of dynamite into the opposing ranks. Even the seasoned Foreign Legionnaires hesitated when the bombers entered the fray.

When the barrage finally subsided the attackers had little to show for the vast expenditure of ammunition.

Yesterday: All the equipment of modern warfare was in operation when heavy fighting was resumed throughout yesterday afternoon, both on the banks of the Bidassoa River and the valley between Vunatas and the peak of Penadeayas. Despite a formidable bombardment by the insurgents, splendidly equipped with mortars and field-guns, no advance was made, but the rebel armoured-cars approached to within 100 yards of the barracks of the Carabiniers, held by the Government troops, three-quarters of a mile from Behovia. — Reuter.

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### CRICKET CAPTAIN KILLED

#### Gloucester Skipper In Car Crash

#### SECOND ACCIDENT OF ITS KIND IN A WEEK

London, To-day.

By a terrible coincidence, a second motoring fatality in which a county captain was involved occurred last night, when D. A. C. Page, skipper of Gloucestershire, died in hospital as a result of injuries sustained in a car crash last night when returning home at the end of the match with Nottinghamshire. — Reuter.

It will be recalled that a week ago yesterday, R. P. Northway, captain of the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club, was killed and A. H. Bakewell, the county's famous opening batsman, was seriously injured when their car left the road at a sharp bend near Kibworth, Leicestershire, in the early hours of the morning when they were returning from the match against Derbyshire at Chesterfield.

This was Page's second season in succession as captain of Gloucestershire. Page, who was a big hitter of the same type as Arthur Carr of Nottingham, finished eighth in Gloucestershire's batting averages last season with 20.43, his highest innings being 92 and his aggregate for the season being 1,059.

This season his best feat included 115 against Kent at Gloucester and 80 against Hampshire at Portsmouth. — Reuter.

## REFORM OF LEAGUE

### CONCRETE PROPOSALS FROM N. ZEALAND

Geneva, To-day.—That the authority of the League of Nations be supported by a proportion of the armed forces of its members is contained in New Zealand's suggestions for the strengthening of the Covenant.

Although the time-limit for the proposals on the reform of the Covenant expired yesterday, so far only five countries have replied, of which New Zealand's suggestions are the most complete, and include *inter alia* the proposal of a nationwide plebiscite of all the League members, to decide whether they are prepared to join automatically, and immediately in sanctions, and whether in such case a fixed proportion of their armed forces should automatically be placed at the disposal of the League. — Reuter.

### Special Prayers For League

London, To-day.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has appealed for special prayers to be offered in churches on September 12 and 20 for guidance of the "spirit of God" at the critical meetings of the League Assembly and Council, at which issues vitally affecting the supreme cause of world peace will be under consideration. — British Wireless Service.

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

### GIGANTIC PARADE IN MOSCOW

#### "DEATH TO THE FASCISTS!"

London, To-day.

International Youth Day was celebrated yesterday at Madrid and Moscow with gigantic parades. About 100,000 people, comprising militia, the Popular Front and children's organisations, marched through Madrid declaring that their demonstration was a reply to the abortive insurgent air raids.

Some 500,000 boys and girls, including the latest army recruits, were reviewed at Moscow on the Red Square on Monday night before M.M. Molotov and Voroshiloff. Despite a cold, steady drizzle they marched through the city for hours, dancing and singing and shouting: "Death to the Fascists!"

They carried placards, banners and caricatures directed principally against Herr Hitler and Fascism, expressing sympathy with the Spanish Government. For instance one student carried a placard stating: "The world is on the eve of a new war of conquest by Fascist Germany and militarist Japan." — Reuter.

### "BOOBY TRAPS" FOR SOLDIERS

#### Highlanders Wounded In Palestine

Jerusalem, To-day.

Two Cameron Highlanders were wounded yesterday morning when taking up their positions to engage snipers between Jerusalem and Nablus.

The bus conveying the troops ran into a "booby trap" ingeniously arranged in the roadway. The trap exploded but did no damage. While dismounting to investigate the two Highlanders tripped over the wire of another trap, which exploded, wounding them. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

### BOCHUM MINE DISASTER DEATHROLL RISING

Berlin, to-day.—The deathroll in the Bochum mine disaster now amounts to 25, while 18 men are missing and two were injured. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.



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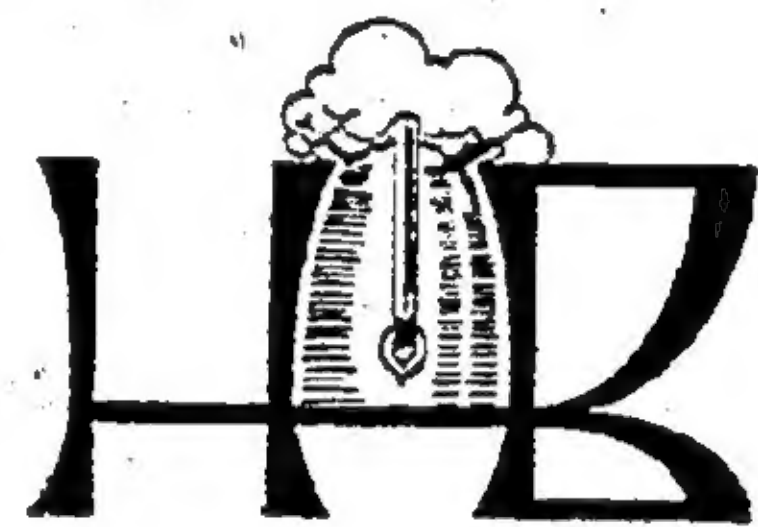
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# CHINESE SOCCER TEAM LOSE TO CASUALS

## SOUTH CHINA TOURISTS WIN ONCE AGAIN

### TAMIL TEAM LOSE IN MALAYA

#### VISITORS' LUCKY GOAL

Kuala Lumpur, August 24. The South China football team continued in winning vein when they beat the Tamil P.C.A. by one goal to nil at the stadium to-day.

South China did the attacking in the early stages of the game, but they could not get within striking distance due to good work of the Tamilians' defence.

The Tamils, who were slow in settling down, however, had two good opportunities which both Henry and Ismail missed.

#### Missed "Setter"

The Tamils opened the second half strongly; Henry initiated a good move then he sent the ball to Tasi, who shot high.

A free kick against the Tamils saw South China score the only goal of the day; Ganaratna, in trying to clear, shot straight at Keng Chong and the ball rebounded into the net.



Paul Chotzen, the French swimmer, is here shown as he passed for refreshment in his recent record-breaking swim from the mainland of California to Catalina Island, in the Pacific. It was the seventh time he had attempted the swim in the last two years.

## FROM HERE AND THERE

### CADDIES DO NOT TOLERATE SLOW GOLFERS

#### Strike Directed Against Women Players

Caddies struck recently against slow women golfers at a club in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. They are now to be paid higher fees. Leaders of the strike said that the protest was directed at women players "who take ten to fifteen strokes a hole and three hours to play nine holes."

The settlement now provides 60 cents for nine holes for Class A caddies and 30 cents for B Class caddies. Overtime will be paid to boys caddying for players who exceed a three-hour limit for nine holes.

### BOBBY JONES STILL TOAST OF GOLFERS

#### GALLERY OF 5,000 AT ST. ANDREW'S

#### ROYAL AND ANCIENT PAY HIM COMPLIMENT

London, August 26.

Bobby Jones, the American golfer, who six years ago captured the British amateur and Open titles, was mobbed at St. Andrews by nearly 3,000 admirers when he started a round over the Old Course at St. Andrews.

Jones was accompanied on his round by Willie Auchterlonie, the former Open champion, and Gordon Lockhart the Glenaeles professional. Mrs. Jones was among the thousands who followed the game.

Mr. Jimmy Alexander, the St. Andrews starter, spent 23 minutes clearing the fairway for the drives off the first tee. Thereafter the crowd scamped along breathlessly to watch every shot.

#### Paid A Compliment

The authorities paid Mr. Jones the compliment of putting the tees back so that he could measure himself against the full course. He went out in 32. Coming home, however, he took three putts on four occasions and ran up a five at the short eleventh. His total was 72. Lockhart had 79 and Auchterlonie 84.

The crowd, which had increased to nearly 5,000, saw him sink an eight-yard putt for a birdie three on the home green. They clamoured around him for a speech as he made his way to the clubhouse. "I won't make a speech," he said, "but I will sign autographs." A spell of high-speed autograph signing followed.

### DAVIS CUP CHALLENGE ROUND PRINCIPLE

Every year in the Davis Cup competition the advantage conferred on the champion nation of "standing out" until the Challenge Round becomes apparent. I feel that sooner or later the Challenge Round principle will have to be abolished, as it was from the Wimbledon Championships—Roland Allen.

#### Barry Still In Charge

Lt-Comdr. R. S. Barry, who acted as Hon. Secretary for the Royal Navy Cricket Club last season, will again be holding that office this winter. Lt-Comdr. Barry is a very keen cricketer and plays for the Navy in the junior League.

#### Pending C.S.C.C. Bowls Loss

STEVEN, the Civil Service Cricket Club first team lawn bowls No. 1, will not be available next summer as he will be going away on leave. It is understood that Steven is getting married early in the New Year and will sail for Home almost immediately after the happy event.

#### Purvis Also Going Home

ANOTHER player who has been doing consistently well for the Civil Service Cricket Club premier lawn bowls team, but who will not be playing in the League next summer, is J. Purvis who will proceed on Home leave about the same time as Steven.

#### East Lancs. Hockey Prospects

THE East Lancashire Regiment's hockey prospects for the forthcoming season appear to be very bright, although they have lost the services of Lieut. E. M. Dawson, the local England international forward and interporter, who has already left the Colony for Home, while there is a possibility that Lieut. J. P. Williams will be leaving the Colony in November.

Incidentally, with regard to the latter, he had a miraculous escape from death last week when returning from manoeuvres with Major W. E. B. Dowling on the Kai Tak Road in a motor car. For some unknown reason the car turned a complete somersault burying its two occupants in a six-foot ditch. Fortunately, however, beyond a few scratches, neither received serious injuries.

#### Shepherd Due For Leave

JACK SHEPHERD, the Police Recreation Club lawn bowler and former Colony Interport footballer, will be going away on Home leave in about six weeks' time. He hopes to play a good deal of bowls while in Scotland.

#### "Buster" Hollands Beaten

F. H. "Buster" Hollands, the 14-year-old son of W. E. Hollands, was beaten in the Third Round of the Novices' bowls competition of the Police Recreation Club recently by D. Fitches by 21 shots to 18.

#### G. C. H. Bowls Team

It is understood that a lawn bowls team representing the Government Civil Hospital, comprised of A. Steven, L. H. Collyer, J. A. R. Selby and J. F. MacGowan, will be engaging other teams in friendly matches shortly. The G. C. H. also has a fairly strong tennis team and, if possible, some tennis matches will also be arranged with other teams.

#### Read After Title

F. V. READ, former Shanghai champion at throwing the water-polo ball, will probably be entered for this event by the European Y.M.C.A., but will enter on his own if they fail to do so.

## To-day's Home Soccer Games

The following are to-day's Home soccer fixtures:

### FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea v Grimsby  
Everton v Wednesday  
Huddersfield v Manchester U.  
Manchester C. v Leeds  
Portsmouth v Liverpool  
Sunderland v Derby  
W. Bromwich v Birmingham

### SECOND DIVISION

Notts F. v Aston Villa

### THIRD DIVISION (South)

Bournemouth v Gillingham  
Brighton v Newport

## BEATEN 5 TO 2 AT SELHURST PARK

### ACTUALLY SUPERIOR COMBINATION

#### FINE ARTISTRY AND TEAMWORK

London, To-day.

The Chinese Olympic football team played their second game in England yesterday, when they were defeated by the Casuals, winners of the F.A. Amateur Cup, by 5 goals to 2 at Selhurst Park, the Crystal Palace ground.

After Monday's experience, when they ran themselves to a standstill in the first half against the Islington Corinthians, who beat them by the odd goal in five at Highbury, being led 2-1 at the interval, the Chinese footballers conserved their energies and held their own until five minutes from the finish.

They greatly impressed with their artistry and teamwork and were actually superior to the Amateur Cup holders, but Bernard Joy proved to be their stumbling block.

Collins opened the scoring for the English team, but Lee Wai-tong, China's leader, equalised soon after, and the interval arrived with the scores level.

On the resumption, Sven Kamshun, China's inside-right, gave the Chinese the lead with a brilliant goal. The Cup holders, however, jumped into the lead when Riley and Allen both scored from close quarters and just before the end Collins and Joy both dribbled through to score, bringing the winners' tally to five.—Reuter.

## MANSFIELD WIN AT ROCHDALE

### Second Brace Of Points

London, To-day.

Mansfield secured their second brace of points when they visited Rochdale yesterday and won by 3 goals to 1 in the Third Division (North) of the English Football League.—Reuter.

Last Saturday they opened the season with a home win over Barrow, while Rochdale drew at Crewe.

## GORDON BENNETT BALLOON RACE

### Meagre Reports Available

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Warsaw, To-day.

Only fragmentary information is available here regarding the fate of the Gordon Bennett balloons. All reports, however, stress the fact that the balloons have been over Soviet territory since Monday morning and are drifting further eastward.

Three Polish balloons, Sanok, Sylva and Gollo, which have mail on board and started *hors de concours*, landed on Polish territory shortly before reaching Russia.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

### Tigers Too Good For Athletics

New York, To-day.

The following were the results of the major League baseball matches played yesterday:

#### National League

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	1	7	0
Pittsburgh	3	9	2

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	2	8	1
Cincinnati	3	10	0

	R.	H.	E.
New York	7	12	1
Chicago	4	14	3

The game between Brooklyn Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals was declared no contest after it was stopped by rain at the end of 3½ innings, at which period Brooklyn were leading 3 to 2.

#### American League

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	5	1
Washington	5	13	0

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	4	4	1
Philadelphia	1	2	2

Bob Johnson homered.

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	1	7	3
Boston	4	7	1

No other games were scheduled.

—Reuter.

## MORE NERVY GAME THAN FOOTBALL

This is my first experience of big tennis. I am beginning to think it is a more nervy game than Cup Final football.—Tom Whitaker, trainer to Arsenal F.C. and British Davis Cup team.



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## The World's Wheat Supplies

Wheat is rising rapidly in market quotations and with it the price of bread has advanced. There is no reason for alarm at movements caused by the smaller grain harvests of this year. Commodities in general are rising in value. To attain these better prices has been an object of world policy, in the belief that only when the prime producer obtains more will there be any sound basis for international recovery. Restriction schemes, such as those of Mr. Roosevelt in the United States, and control of output in tea, rubber and tin, all have as their object the securing of a fair return for capital and a living wage for the workers. In that process nature is now taking a hand, and, so far as cereals are concerned, is proving a far more effective check upon over-production than all the legislators. Drought in the United States and, in a less degree, in Canada has reduced the probable crops this year to an extent that will demand a heavy draft upon the carry-over of grain from the years of plenty. If calculations of the American crop at 630,000,000 bushels prove accurate the United States will have to import at least 30,000,000 bushels to meet their own food requirements. They will this year send nothing to the importing countries.

During the past two years the world has been steadily reducing the embarrassing stocks of wheat resulting from the great harvests of 1933. Canadian reserves, taken over and stored by the Canadian Government, have been absorbed to the extent of 100,000,000 bushels in the past 12 months, the corn being sold at prices justifying the foresight of Ministers in playing the part of Joseph in the 20th century. In two years the "carry-over" of all the grain-producing countries has dwindled to a level creating doubt whether there will be any surplus at all at the close of this year. No change in weather conditions can now affect the United States and Canadian harvests, which are being gathered in. European crops are good in the Danubian provinces and are believed to be better than normal in Russia, but any gain in these areas may be offset by shortage in France and Spain. Europe ordinarily imports 350,000,000 bushels, of which the United Kingdom takes 200,000,000. Whence this quantity is to come is the problem that is troubling the markets.

Any satisfactory answer depends upon the harvests in Argentina and Australia, where crops are not reaped until December. The Southern hemisphere may redress the shortage in the North, although drought has been reported from Australia. While doubt exists, wheat prices will probably rise, as they have done by 27 per cent. on the Liverpool market within the last two months. Bread has advanced in price in England to a figure that has not been known for years, although it is still below that of the period preceding the world collapse. Depression gave us a cheaper loaf. The dearer loaf may prove one of the signs of recovery by enabling the farmers of the world to become purchasers on a larger scale. While there is no prospect of shortage of food this year, drought in subsequent years would be serious, because of the exhaustion of stocks.

ALL SET FOR  
WARVast Armies In  
EuropeREADY FOR CONFLICT  
BY OCTOBER

Paris. French statisticians recently estimated that 6,000,000 men, a third of them Germans, will be ready for war when Germany's new two-years term of military service becomes effective in October.

The statisticians reckoned that men under arms in Europe's leading military nations soon will reach 5,369,000. They estimated that Germany, in addition to regular fighting units, would have 400,000 Nazi militiamen and 275,000 men in labour camps, the latter also organised along military lines.

Estimates of army and civilian statisticians gave the following figures on regular fighting units, based upon Germany's doubled term of a military conscription: Germany, 1,365,000 men; Italy, 1,250,000; Russia, 1,200,000; France, 654,000; Poland, 266,000; Great Britain, 213,000; Rumania, 141,000; Czechoslovakia, 109,000; Yugoslavia, 107,000; and Belgium, 63,500.

## France's Plans

France was reported to be planning to strengthen her military defences, convinced that Germany is headed toward another war. French opinion asserted that Germany's chancellor, Herr Adolf Hitler, in issuing decrees increasing the military training period from one year to two years, had moved toward armed conflict.

Meanwhile, General Marie Gamelin, chief of the French army staff, and other military leaders conferred with France's Socialist premier, M. Leon Blum. It was announced that the effects of the Nazi decree creating an army twice the size of France's was studied in the hope of reaching "a rapid and practical decision."

EXPLANATIONS  
OF TO-DAY'S  
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AMONG the most outstanding examples of inherited genius is the family of the Morgensterns, master painters of Frankfurt, Germany. The last representative, Friedrich Ernst Morgenstern, was born in 1853 and died in 1919. His father Carl, his grandfather Johann Friedrich, his great-grandfather Johann Ludwig and his great-great-grandfather Johann Christoph were all master painters of the first rank.

## The Bible Reader

GEORGE KERN of Columbus City, Iowa, has been a devoted Bible reader ever since childhood, but on his 50th birthday he decided to read every evening for 5,000 nights. His quickest time for reading the entire Bible is 21 evenings. Mr. Kern says he still enjoys his Bible studies, because he is continually absorbing the good teachings therefrom.

A CRICKETER'S  
DEBTSExtravagant Living  
And Betting

Creditors of Mr. F. R. Foster, the former captain of Warwickshire Cricket Club and Test Match player, met at Birmingham last month. His liabilities were stated to be £623, the only assets being furniture valued at £30.

A bookmaker was the petitioning creditor, and Mr. Foster attributed his failure to betting and extravagant living. He hoped to make a composition of 10s in the pound.

Clear realisation of that fact may end artificial restriction and give agriculture its full share of prosperity.

Here  
There  
and  
Everywhere

DON'S DINING CLUB

The Family Dining Club, in Cambridge, among the members of which the late Prof. Houseman's wines are now being divided, is a small and select body. Its membership of a dozen includes the Master of Trinity.

It meets at regular intervals during term time—this used to be on alternate Fridays—in the houses or college rooms of its members. The host on each occasion is responsible for the food and the wines.

To be a guest of the club is a rare distinction, which comes by accident. When there is a member short the host is allowed to invite a friend—who is usually a young don of his own college—to take the vacant chair.

While the "Family" dates back to the 18th century, its fellow donnish dining club, the "Society," was founded in 1857.

Neither has any political complexion. In this they differ from such undergraduate dining clubs as the Tory True Blue and the Wing Beefsteak.

## Your Daily Smile!

An Egotist

"Papa, what is an egotist?" "An egotist, my boy, is a man who tells you those things about himself which you intended to tell him about yourself!"

Add Definitions

"Dad, what is bankruptcy?" "Bankruptcy, my boy, is when you put your money in your trousers pocket and let your creditors take your coat."

Mary's Holiday

Mistress: "Did you enjoy your day at the seaside, Mary?"

Mary: "No, I didn't, mum. All the movies were closed; so we had to wander around the beach and watch the ships all day."

Caretaker

A steward stood at the gangway of a big liner, giving instructions to the arriving passengers.

"First-class to the left; second to the right," he repeated at intervals.

A young woman stepped daintily aboard with a baby in her arms. As she hesitated before the steward, he leaned forward and smiled politely.

"First or second, ma'am?" he asked.

"Oh," she blushed, "neither—I'm only the nurse!"

THE FADED GLORIES  
OF SAMARKAND  
SOVIET TEACHING OF  
THE PEASANTRYEXHORTATION TO "MAKE A LIFE"  
TO-DAY VOICED

(By Rosita Forbes)

MY departure from Bokhara, a droszki with a young engineer, trimmed with astrakhan, and a shock-worker from a cotton farm on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

## Signs Of Decay

We found rooms in a clean, new hotel with five bathrooms, never, opened unless five people agreed to take hot baths at the same time, and no means of getting any food. My door would not shut, so I had to tie the handle to the bottom of the bed.

But these were only minor inconveniences, for Samarkand revealed itself as a charming new town, bisected by double and sometimes treble avenues, lined with elm and poplar. It had an air of restrained gaiety, and since it has a large university and a number of clinics and research institutes, youth predominated in the streets.

The houses were clean and colour-washed. Trucks, droszkis, and an occasional auto-bus clattered over the stones. Kiosks sold milk, sour junket, and gaily-coloured drinks, also beer at 9d. a bottle.

In fact, modern Samarkand, placid and friendly, preoccupied with the schooling of neighbouring villagers and nomads, reminded me of the garden towns of Provence. But in the middle of the fine new buildings proudly representing progress, rises the dome of Gur Emir, the burial-place of Tamerlane. The lower half is still blue. So is the facade of the entrance arch, but like other monuments I saw in Central Asia, it is rapidly disintegrating.

## Conqueror's Tomb

From the roof of the chamber containing the tombs of the conqueror, his favourite nephew, and some of his ministers, I looked across the pancake roofs of the old town to the Registan, once the finest group of public buildings on the caravan routes from China to India and the West. As such, perhaps Tamerlane and Ulug Beg, the scientist, conceived it, but

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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**BRAWL NEAR POST OFFICE****Two Indians Bound Over**

Khuda Bux, a licensed motor car driver, was charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning with assaulting Rahmat Din, on Monday near the Post Office.

Both the defendant and the complainant, as well as a witness, Mohamed Khan, were bound over in a bond of \$200 to keep the peace for one year.

Detective-Sergeant Guild said that the witness, Mohamed Khan, owed the defendant \$5 and, when asked for the money, refused to give it. The complainant then came on the scene and started a fight, during which he was stabbed in the back. Defendant received injuries on the face.

He Worship, in binding the parties over, said that it was a serious thing to use a knife in a fight, but there was a possibility that it was used in self-defence.

**ANGLO-POLISH MATCH****Archery Tournament By Post**

In response to a challenge from Poland, one-half of the first international postal archery match was shot last month near Marble Arch in the grounds of the Royal Toxophilite Society.

The Polish competitors were shooting at the same time in their own country, and the scores will be exchanged by air mail.

The teams consisted of six men and six women. The men were Capt. Hogg, a former champion, who owns at Chalfont St. Giles a preparatory school said to be the only one where archery is taught; Mr. J. H. Davey, a Lincolnshire farmer, the present champion; Mr. H. A. Cox, three times champion; Group-Capt. A. Shekleton, Capt. Ingham, R.N., and Mr. E. P. Bernard.

The women's team, most of whom are ex-champions, was: Mrs. E. Atkinson, Mrs. C. W. Nettleton, Miss M. Williams, Mrs. Ingo Simon, Mrs. E. Williamson, who has won the International Competition Cup, and Mrs. P. Barney.

Most of the archers wore dark green. The original uniform of the Royal Toxophilite Club is a green tail-coat with gold buttons.

**STEADY GROWTH SHOWN****Gloria Vanderbilt's \$767,000 Estate**

New York. The estate of Gloria Vanderbilt, the 12-year-old daughter of the late Mr. Reginald Vanderbilt and of Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt, is now worth \$767,000, and is increasing steadily in value. This was disclosed by a report to the New York magistrate who supervises the work of the child's guardians. Her mother and her aunt, Mrs. Whitney, are still engaged in a legal battle for her custody. The report praises the manner in which the estate has been handled.

**RAINFALL DURING AUGUST**

The total rainfall for the month of August was 20.99 inches, the biggest fall (8.68 inches) occurring on the 1st, though 4.21 inches was recorded on the 3rd, 1.11 inches on the 13th and 2.94 inches on the 16. Eleven days during the month were completely rainless, and the smallest recorded amount was .02 inch on the 22nd.

**THE FIFTH ATTEMPT**

When Cork Corporation met last month for their fourth attempt to choose a Lord Mayor it was found that the necessary notice of motion had not been given, and the following Tuesday was fixed as the date for the fifth attempt.

There was a happy gathering yesterday of about 200 Chinese Moslems and a large number of Indian ladies and gentlemen at the free school maintained by the Chinese Muslim Cultural and Fraternal Association in Wanchai. The school reopened yesterday after the summer vacation, and there were a number of new pupils and their parents present at the reception.



Spanish federal troops, loyal to the Government, searched all persons walking in the streets of Madrid during the riots of 1933. Since the outbreak of fierce fighting in Spain all persons are again being searched for arms—the enemy is the Fascist rebel.

**BATTLE OF IRUN**

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Wave after wave of the assaulting insurgents was mown down by the Government fire before the attackers were compelled to return to their defensive positions, leaving behind scores of dead and wounded. Several aerial combats occurred between Government chaser planes and squadrons of rebel bombers, while anti-aircraft guns were particularly busy. It is believed that the casualties so far must have been severe.

**1,600 Reported Killed In Two Days**

Hendaye, later: The fighting continued until dusk, but, despite the insurgents' great superiority of artillery, the military position of the front at Irun remained practically unchanged. While the Government troops were compelled to withdraw under heavy artillery fire on the bank of the River Bidasoa and their position at San Marcial was constantly shelled, they did not surrender their main defences.

Twenty-seven buildings are reported to have been struck at Irun. The most serious damage occurred at the Jesuit College, now used as the headquarters of the trade unions, and the vicinity of the railway station. General Mola is personally conducting the mass attack and making a desperate attempt to capture Irun.

The official estimate of the killed and wounded in the two days' fighting is 1,600.

**"Hour Of Victory Approaching"**

Lisbon: "The hour of victory is approaching, but the war will continue until the end of the winter," declared General Mola, interviewed. He added that he did not believe in the neutrality of the nations, and accused the French Popular Front of openly aiding the Spanish Marxists.—Reuter.

**Dynamite Reserve Hit From Air**

Hendaye: It is reported, though so far with confirmation, that the Government dynamite reserve in Irun was hit by rebel bombers, great damage being done. It is also stated that the loyalist headquarters was wrecked by bombs.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

**ATTACK DELAYED**

Hendaye: Since the early hours of yesterday morning insurgent planes have subjected the loyalist positions to heavy fire, and Caproni and Fokker planes bombed Fort Guadalupe. It was expected that the insurgents would make a great attack, as the loyalists had not answered General Mola's ultimatum. But the Government troops directed heavy machine-gun fire on the Nationalist positions near San Marcial, and the attack did not materialise till midday.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL GUARD The Spanish Guardia Civil has been reorganised by the Govern-

ment and renamed the "Republican National Guard." Their uniforms are the same, and they have been reinforced from the ranks of the Government Red Militia.

In such parts of Spain as are controlled by the insurgents the original organisation still exists.

**BASQUE SEPARATISTS**

The Basque Separatists are not prepared to listen to the Bishop of Victoria, who urged them to give up their "unnatural alliance with the Madrid Marxists," according to numerous reports from that region. On the contrary, the activity is increasing from day to day, and on Monday a detachment of 1,000 was formed to fight on the side of the Government.—Trans-Ocean Service.

**BITTER FIGHTING**

Paris, later: Reports from Hendaye have it that the battle at Irun is still raging bitterly and that hundreds have been killed on both sides, without the insurgents obtaining any success. The attempt they made to storm the village La Puna, the possession of which would facilitate the capture of Vichy, and thus Irun, broke down in the face of the determined resistance of the defenders, using armoured trains.—Trans-Ocean Service.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

London: The British Government is known to share with the French the sense of great importance which attaches to the setting up of an advisory committee composed of representatives of the Powers who have adhered to the agreements for non-intervention in the Spanish civil war. In the absence of such a body as is contemplated there is no convenient method of bringing under discussion a number of points arising from the agreement, which in time will call for settlement. If it were at all possible the British Government would like to see the committee in session in London this week.

France has already approached Germany on the subject and the British Charge d'Affaires in Berlin, Mr. Basil Newton, has been instructed to support the representations of France and to express the hope that the German Government will be able to co-operate in the establishment of the committee as soon as possible. Sir Charles Wingfield, British Ambassador in Lisbon, is also in touch with the Portuguese Government on the same matter.—British Wireless Service.

**HONG KONG HOCKEY CLUB IN SOUND POSITION**

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Club will be held in the Secretary's Room, Hong Kong Cricket Club, next Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. The financial position of the Club shows a credit balance at the bank of \$135.48. A sum of \$83.63 is recoverable from the other Club using the ground for returning and purchase of equipment in July. A further \$100 is also due from another Club for the loan of the ground on Mondays.

**LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES****Amusements****Cinema Notes From The Theatres****"THE LADY IS WILLING"—KING'S THEATRE**

He kidnapped her right from under the eyes of her husband—and she loved it! That about sizes up the situation in this Columbia picture, with Leslie Howard in the leading role.

But there aren't very many women who would object to being kidnapped by the extremely engaging Leslie Howard, the most charming and popular player on the screen. And the lady who is fortunate enough to be kidnapped in the picture is Binnie Barnes, beautiful screen player, last seen in "The Private Life of Henry VIII." And she is willing to be held captive. He kidnapped her for ransom—but she wanted him to hold her captive forever. What is this strange power this love-thief, Leslie Howard, has over women?

Howard is said to be his most appealing self in "The Lady Is Willing," which is described as a gay, saucy, delightful cocktail of naughty intrigue.

**"MAN-HUNT"—QUEEN'S THEATRE**

The story evolves about a small town reporter, his sweetheart, the country school teacher, a bank bandit who has escaped from prison, and a former ex-shepherd who has told so many romances about his battles with Jesse James and the Dalton boys that he believes his own yarns.

The glib school teacher is intrigued by the handsome bandit, and believing his highly colourful story about persecution and a dying mother, hides him from Federal officers who are pursuing him.

Her lover, however, after a series of comedy mishaps, convinces her of the error of her ways, and with the ex-shepherd effects the capture of the robber and his aides.

There is a large and talented cast with Ricardo Cortez again playing the role of villain, William Gargan as the small town reporter, Marguerite Churchill as the school teacher and Charles (Chic) Sale in the role of the romancing ex-shepherd.

**"O'MALLEY OF THE MOUNTED"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE**

The flying fists, fighting heart and spectacular horsemanship of George O'Brien, Hollywood's ace adventure star, are enlisted on the side of the gallant red-coated police of Canada in this picture.

Playing the title role in this tingling adventure story, adapted from the original by William S. Hart, O'Brien is a Mountie sent on a man-hunt who returns with his man but loses his heart to a pretty girl.

O'Brien's adventures include a daring jail-break in which he frees a member of the bandit gang he hopes to catch.

On the basis of this feat O'Brien wins the friendship of the gang leader, played by Stanley Fields. With daring and resourcefulness he works himself into the confidence of the bandits until everything is prepared for their capture.

Then O'Brien is trapped. But Irene Ware, who has fallen in love with him, carries the message that enables the Mounties to catch the bandits red-handed in a hold-up, and a smashing dramatic climax paves the way for a romantic close.

**"TWO IN THE DARK"—ORIENTAL THEATRE**

This pulsating drama is based on an original story by Gelett Burgess and features Margot Grahame and Walter Abel in the leading parts. Miss Grahame and Abel head a first-class cast. Abel does a splendid job of portraying a mentally sick victim who is suspected of a heinous crime, while Miss Grahame gives a highly commendable performance as the frightened show girl who sees the man she loves become entangled in a net of damaging circumstances.

Alan Hale stands out in his role of police inspector and Wallace Ford, who as a newspaper reporter, tries to aid Hale in solving the crime, registers a convincing per-

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the British Troops in South China, Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, will present Colours to the 4th Kowloon Garrison Pack of Cubs at 6.15 p.m. to-day at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Li Lam was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from multiple injuries received while blasting at Telegraph Bay yesterday.

A Chinese male, Li Kam Yuk, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries received when he alighted from bus No. 670 while it was still in motion in Queen's Road West.

D. R. Ryde, of the Union Insurance Society, was this morning fined \$15 by Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy for allowing his dog in Lower Albert Road without muzzle or lead at 7 a.m. on August 15.

D. J. Santos, of No. 2 Fort Street, was summoned before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy with keeping a dog at the above address without a licence and with allowing his dog on the roof of the house without a muzzle or a lead on August 19. He was fined \$5 on the first charge while the second was withdrawn.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.17 inch. The total since January 1 has been .55.13 inches, against an average of 68.07 inches.

The B.L.S.s. Tilawa will sail for Osaka via Shanghai and Kobe at 7 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. Rajputana left Shanghai for this port yesterday and is due to arrive here at about 7 a.m. on Friday.

formance. Gail Patrick and Erin O'Brien Moore are alluring women of mystery. Eric Blore turns in an arresting performance as a harassed and frightened butler who is suspected of having killed his employer, and Erik Rhodes furnishes comedy relief as a hysterical foreign violinist. Leslie Fenton also has an important role.

**"TWO-FISTED"—STAR THEATRE**

An engaging story, swift-paced action and hilarious performances on the part of all concerned form the basis for romantic comedy in which the inimitable Lee Tracy is given the typically fast-talking, high pressure, wise-cracking role which he does so well and with such gusto. Employing all the familiar tricks and gestures which have made him famous in fast-moving light comedy, Tracy romps through with a spontaneous ease which definitely stamps his natural acting.

The story centres around the amazing experiences of two fighters when they accidentally crash Park Avenue society. Lee Tracy is seen as the manager and promoter of Boscoe Karns, a dull witted, second rate leather-pusher. Broke and disgusted they are arguing their troubles out in the street when along comes Kent Taylor, pleasantly tipsy. He insists on taking them into his mansion, when he feeds them and then asks Tracy to put him in condition so he can handle his unscrupulous brother-in-law, Gordon Westcott, who is trying to swindle his wife, Gail Patrick, out of the fortune left to their small son, Billy Lee.

Events more fast and furiously when Tracy and Karns take possession of the household as butlers. One of the laugh-provoking sequences includes an exhibition boxing match staged by the two as part of the entertainment in celebration of their benefactor's birthday at a party held in his home. During the bout, Billy Lee disappears, causing much excitement and many amusing situations.

**"UNKNOWN WOMAN"—MAJESTIC THEATRE**

This picture is an exciting action drama built around a million-dollar bond robbery and the efforts of undercover agents to solve the crime. Marian Marsh and Richard Cromwell supply the action as well as the romance, with Nana Bryant, Douglas Dumbrille and Henry Armetta in important supporting roles. The story, by Scott Darling, Al De Mond and Fred Niblo, Jr., was directed by Al Rogell.

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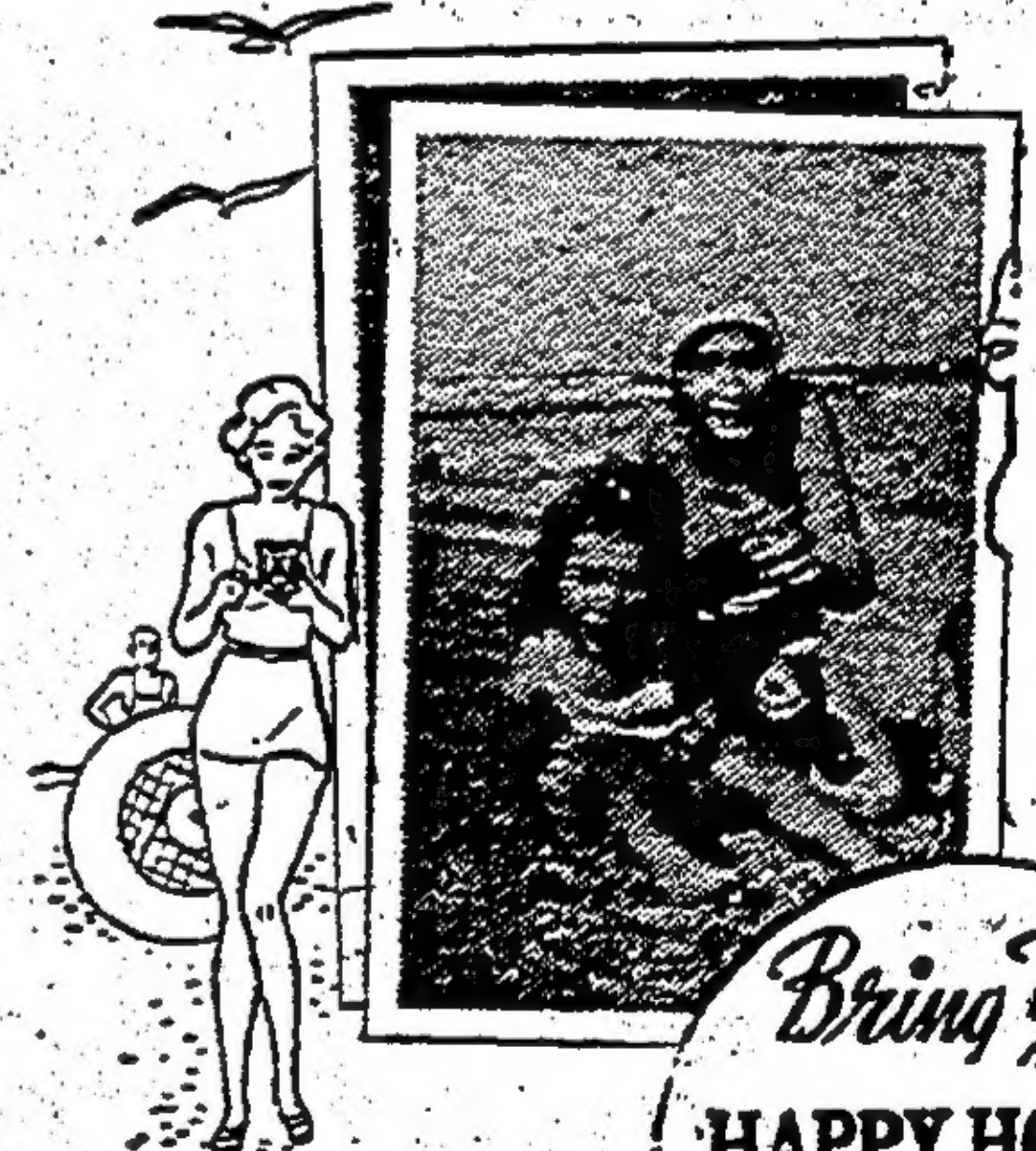
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## URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

### Combatting Spread Of Malaria

At the Urban Council meeting yesterday, Mr. R. R. Todd, the Chairman, in reply to questions by Dr. Li Shu-fan and Dr. S. N. Chau, regarding the prevalence of malaria in the Colony and the alarming number of cases of tuberculosis, explained that though there was an increase in the number of malaria cases this year compared with the last two years, this was no indication that the spread of malaria was assuming anything like alarming proportions. Considering the population, the position did not appear to be much, if at all, different from what it had been.

With reference to tuberculosis, Mr. Todd said that he was not in a position to say what steps would be taken in the future to combat it, but a commission had been formed to enquire into the housing difficulties in Hong Kong and Kowloon, with which the problem of tuberculosis was bound up.

Dr. Li Shu-fan

Dr. Li Shu-fan asked:—“With reference to the prevalence of malaria in the Colony, will the chairman kindly furnish answers to the following questions?”

- I. Is it a fact that there has been quite an increase of malaria during recent months?
- II. What are the comparative figures

of admissions to hospitals of malaria cases during (a) the latter half of 1934 and 1935 (b) the first half of 1935 and 1936?

III. If the answer to I. is in the affirmative, (a) to what causes is the increase of the prevalence ascribed, and (b) what special measures, if any, are being taken by Government to control and to minimize the spread of the disease?

IV. What are the percentages of deaths to cases admitted to hospitals among European patients and Chinese patients during the periods mentioned in II?

V. As far as ascertainable, which are considered the worst infected districts within the urban area?

#### Small Figures

The Chairman replied: The figures of admissions to Government institutions for the months of May, June and July this year show an increase over those of 1934 and 1935. These figures are, however, so small in comparison with those of the general population that they in themselves are of little value in deciding whether the malaria situation as a whole is better or worse than it was.

The number of malaria cases admitted to hospital during the second half of 1934 was 1,389, during the second half of 1935 the number of admissions was 2,072. During the first half of 1935 the number of cases was 544, for the first half of 1936 the number of admissions to Government hospitals was 280, the number of admissions to private hospitals and to the Chinese charity hospitals is not yet available.

There being no proof that malaria has increased generally, no cause has arisen for any special measures to control or minimise the spread of this disease.

The percentages of deaths to cases admitted were as follows:

	2nd. half.	1st. half.	1934	1935	1935	1936
Europeans	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chinese	0.29	6.41	6.62	1.07		

(The 1.07 refers to Government hospitals only).

The figures available appear to indicate that no district in the Urban area can truthfully be called malarious at present time. The most potential carriers of malaria being hill breeding anophelids the areas most likely to become affected are those within flying distance of the breeding grounds of such anophelids.

#### Overcrowded Tenements

Dr. S. N. Chau then asked:—“In view of the alarming number of tuberculosis cases returned each week as compared with other notifiable cases, will the Government state:—

- (a) What steps have been taken, or will be taken, to combat this disease;
- (b) What facilities are there for the treatment of such disease;
- (c) Whether it is proposed to prevent overcrowding in tenement houses; and
- (d) Whether steps will be taken to prohibit the filthy habit of spitting in public places.”

#### Chairman's Reply

Mr. Todd in reply stated: For the steps that have been taken to combat tuberculosis see

Violet blue is made into a charming chiffon ensemble for lovely June Lang, the screen actress, for smart afternoon wear in town or country. The short sleeved dress features a bodice of tucking with a fetching collar made of grosgrain ribbon in a raspberry shade.

the answers to question (b) and (c). It is not as yet possible to state what steps will be taken in the future. The spread of the disease is, ultimately, due to the poverty of a large part of the population and to the ignorance inseparable from poverty. Any action possible on the part of the Government or of charitable institutions must, in the circumstances, be palliative and remedial; full success in preventive methods is not to be expected in the Colony, which is this respect cannot be considered as isolated from the neighbouring parts of China.

There are no special facilities for the treatment of tuberculosis in the Colony, that is to say there is no tuberculosis sanatorium, but palliative treatment is given in all hospitals.

#### Peculiar Conditions

Under the peculiar conditions existing in Hong Kong it is extremely difficult to prevent overcrowding in tenement houses. Such cases of gross overcrowding as come to the notice of the Sanitary Department are dealt with under the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance. A Commission has been appointed to enquire into the housing difficulties in Victoria and Kowloon with special reference to overcrowding and its effect on tuberculosis. This Commission is at present engaged in the preliminary examination of the issues involved.

It is not considered practicable to attempt to prevent spitting in public places by legislation. The only means by which this habit will be eliminated is the gradual education of the public. Anti-spitting notices are issued free of charge to all premises licensed by the Urban Council and spitting in these premises elsewhere than into spittoons is prohibited by laws. Hygiene instruction given in all schools in the Colony explains the danger of the habit and gives warning against it, but it is to be feared that the warning reaches only a minority of the po-

## THE FADED GLORIES OF SAMARKAND

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they built with bad material. The clay must have begun crumbling as soon as the structure was completed.

To-day, in spite of considerable sums spent on restoration, the three great buildings which form the back and two sides of the famous square—the Tilah Kari Medersa, the Ulug Beg Medersa built in 1417 by the astronomer and scholar who was a grandson of Tamerlane, and the duplicate Shir Dah Medersa constructed 200 years later—look like stage scenery. Little but the facades remain. One of the minarets of Ulug Beg leans at a crazy angle and two of the domes are gone. Through the fog of dust which shrouds the old town, and beyond the cardboard effect of the Registan, I could see—still from Tamerlane's roof—the ruins of Bibi Khanoum.

#### Wife's Mausoleum

This tomb of his favourite wife, alternately described as princess and dancing-girl, must have been the largest mausoleum in the world, but, although a little blue still clings to the remains of the dome, the only unspoiled object in the 100-yard-long court is the gigantic carved stone lectern brought from Mongolia to hold the Koran of Caliph Oman, under which sterile women still crawl at the time of the morning prayers.

Below Bibi Khanoum there is a huge market, thronged by peasants in knee-boots and embroidered skull caps, their gaily striped chaps belted with sheep-skin; and their wives, invisible under knee-length veils of stiffened horsehair or reeds, the embroidered parandja falling cloaklike from the head, with the empty sleeves hanging loose.

The bazaars are generally flanked with rows of wooden frames covered with carpets on which the older peasants lie or sit while they drink green tea.

On the long benches in the square, or in the open-fronted booths, four or five wizened apples cost 3 roubles (2s 3d), but a great lump of caviare can be bought for little more.

#### Value Of Rouble

It is difficult to estimate the true value of a rouble, for whereas eight days' journey first class in an international sleeping car across the length of Russia and Central Asia costs only 250 roubles, i.e. £10, four times that sum would have to be expended on a well-cut woollen overcoat in a Moscow store.

After a night in the Samarkand hotel, I moved to the house of a professor earning about 2,500 roubles a month at the university. His wife and I slept in his study. The professor and his son, who was studying electrical engineering, slept in the living-room.

In the kitchen slept an elderly maid, who earned 50 roubles (£2) a month in addition to her keep and clothes, and a tattered man

population.

Applications and regular returns were also tabled by Mr. Todd.

Those present were: Chairman, Mr. R. R. Todd; Vice-Chairman, Hon. Dr. A. B. Wellington, C.M.G.; Hon. Mr. A. G. W. Tickle, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. F. C. Hall, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. W. N. T. Tam, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. C. Champ-kin, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

with bare and blackened feet, whose identity I never discovered. There was also a lodger, the 70-year-old widow of a general, who, like everybody else, walked approximately six miles a day to and from the bazaar to buy the oddments of food she required.

On every fifth day the household went to the public baths (Turkish), where men and women, cheerfully unconcerned, washed themselves, each other, and their clothes.

#### Everything Is Better

All these people, and the many others I met, agreed that life would be easier if there were more buses, but they added: “It's only a matter of time. Everything is so much better these last two years.”

The housewife insisted: “This loaf of bread would have cost 25 roubles in 1934. Now it's only 5” (for two kilos) “and there's plenty of everything. Two years ago people died of starvation. To-day you see a beggar perhaps once a week, and everybody gives to him at once, because they remember

Everybody remembers the famine, which disposed of something like 8,000,000 people, and are the more delighted with the easy conditions of to-day.

The professor was enthusiastic over education and health figures. “In five years I believe we'll be the strongest nation in the world.”

A Turkish doctor (with whom I inspected an admirable sanatorium embowered in fruit blossom, which includes among its staff nine fully qualified teachers and a physical culture expert, and where there was a cinema performance every week and ear-phones for every patient) assured me: “You cannot think how it has changed here. Now one can get anything.”

Even the general's widow acknowledged, “Enfin, these days one can make a life.”

“The Soviet has won its fight with the Middle Ages” at Tashkent, which is described in the next (and concluding) article.

## PICNIC PARTY MISHAP

### Two Ladies Thrown Into Water

#### NO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

A picnic party, consisting of some 80 members of the Portuguese community, to Clear Water Bay was marred by an accident which, fortunately, was not attended by serious consequences.

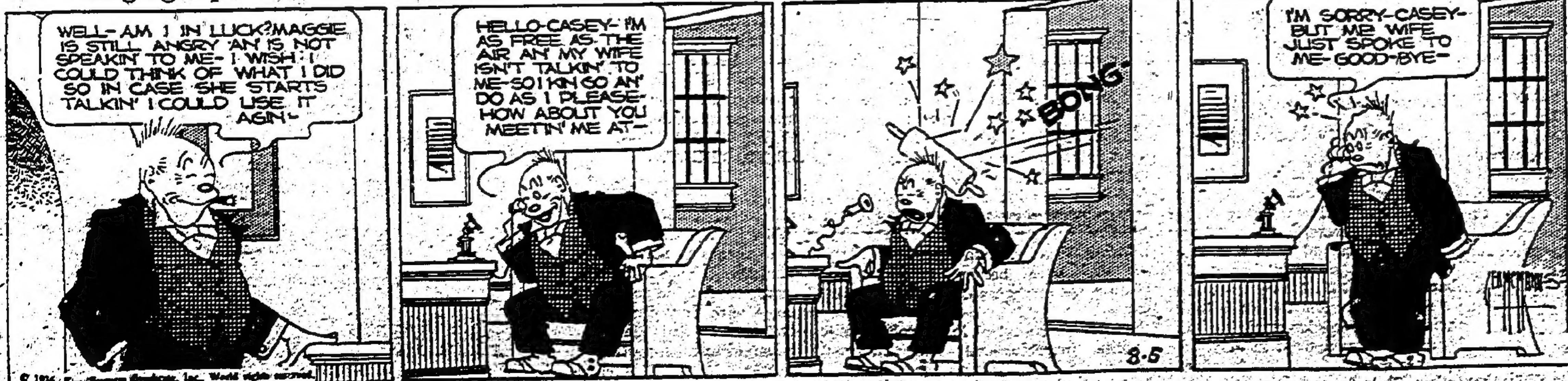
Arriving at Clear Water Bay, some members of the party proceeded to the shore on sampans which were rowed by two men.

The third trip was about to begin when some of the party, in getting on board the sampan, stepped on to the side and so precipitated those already on board, into the water.

Two of the ladies were injured slightly but suffered mainly from shock. Miss Aida Noronha was hit by one of the male members of the party in the fall. She was quickly dragged from the water and was given medical assistance. The shock and sudden immersion incapacitated Miss Noronha for about half-an-hour.

Miss M. Remedios was struck a glancing blow by the overturning boat. She soon recovered, however, and was none the worse for the mishap.

### Bringing Up Father



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*SOUDAN	6,000	29th Sept.	Shanghai & Japan.
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##### FROM EUROPE

Ranpura (via Suez)	Sept. 2
R.M.A. Dorado "Imperial Airways"	" 11
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##### FROM JAPAN

Pres. Jackson	Sept. 4
Rajputana	" 5
Hawaii Maru	" 10
Terakuni Maru	" 11
Emp. of Canada	" 11
Pres. Van Buren	" 11
Bangalore	" 12

##### FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Tasman	Sept. 3
Theseus	" 4
Yuen-sang	" 5
Van Heutsz	" 8
Behar	" 10
Sarpedon	" 11
Katori Maru	" 12

##### OUTWARD MAILS

##### FOR EUROPE

Asama Maru (via Siberia)	Sept. 2
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.30 a.m.	
R.M.A. Dorado "Imperial Airways Services"	" 4
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.30 a.m.	
Emp. of Asia (via Vancouver)	" 4
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 9.15 a.m.	
Pres. Coolidge (via San Francisco)	" 5
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 9.15 a.m.	
Rajputana ("K.L.M. Service")	" 5
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.	
Chenonceaux (via Siberia)	" 5
Pres. Doumer "Air Orient Service"	" 8
Closes: Reg. 10 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.	
Mentethus (via Marseilles)	" 9

##### FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Rajputana	Sept. 5
Hawaii Maru	" 5
Mentethus	" 9

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Pres. McKinley	" Sept. 25
Pres. Grant	" Oct. 9
Pres. Jefferson	" Oct. 23
Pres. Jackson	" Nov. 6

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man and a few days ago was transferred to West Point on C.I.D. duty.

Sergeant Mintey played cricket for the Police Club, being a very useful all-rounder. He had the distinction, two seasons ago, of hitting six boundaries in one over when playing against the Indian Recreation Club.

He hailed from Walsall, near Birmingham, and was 29 years of age. He was unmarried and leaves a brother in England.

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The solution of the above will appear in tomorrow's issue.

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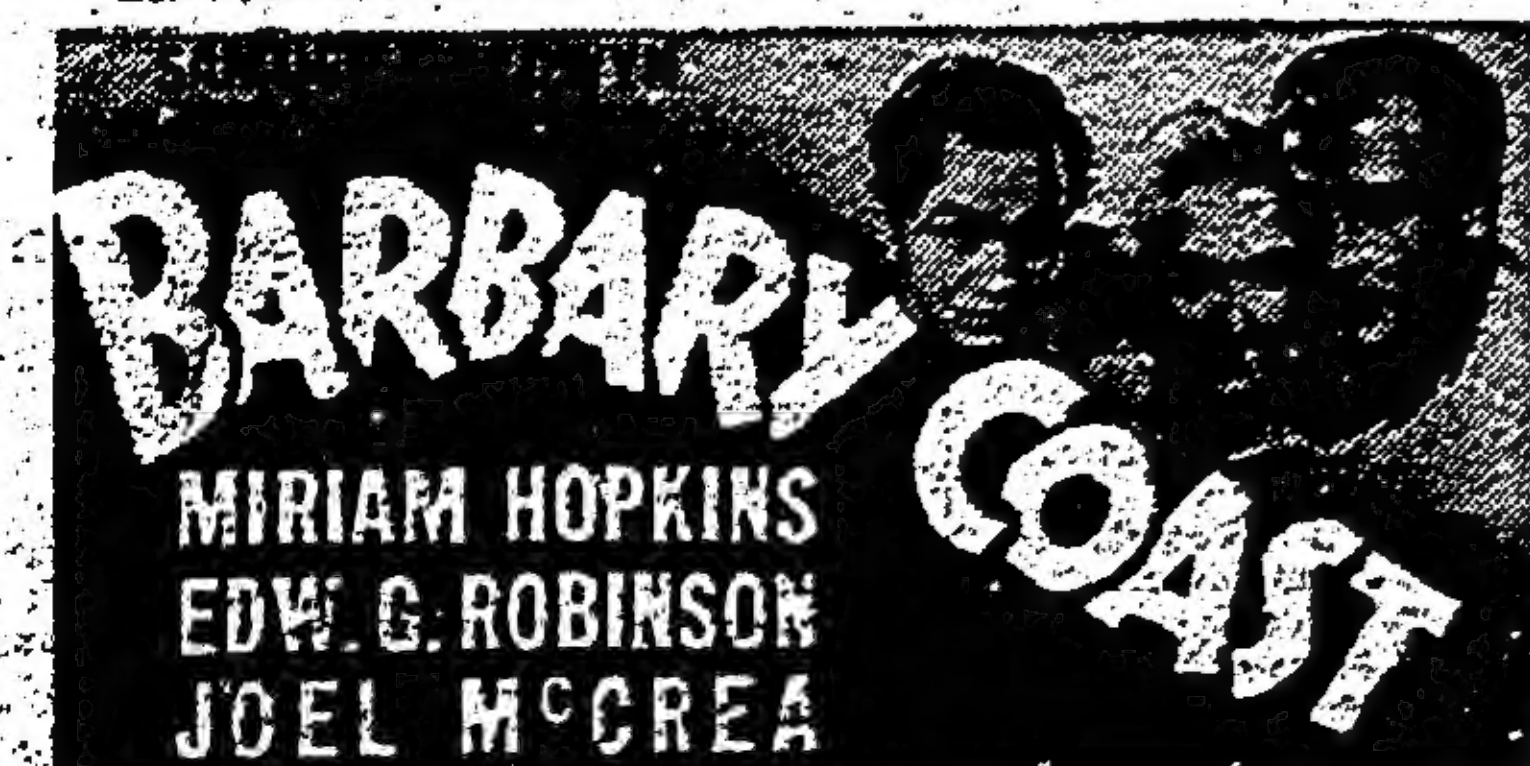
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## NEW BROOM AT WORK

Stringent Measures In Rumania

### RESIGNATION RUMOURS

Bucharest, To-day.  
The new Rumanian Cabinet swiftly got to business at its first session yesterday and voted sweeping service measures, providing for the dissolution of armed political guards and also establishing compulsory labour service for youths between 18 and 21 and further army credits. Disciplinary life in the universities will be rigidly enforced under a new statute approved by the Cabinet.—Reuter.

### RESIGNATIONS DENIED

Bucharest: The reports in some foreign papers that a number of Rumanian diplomats have resigned their posts because M. Titulescu was ousted from the Government, are denied by the semi-official Agence Orient, which terms them completely unfounded.

### PROMOTING PUBLIC ORDER

Bucharest: The first Cabinet session of the new Tatarascu Cabinet, without M. Titulescu as Foreign Minister, was held yesterday. Official reports state that, following a comprehensive survey of the political situation, regarding interior as well as foreign policies, by the Premier, M. Tatarascu, various measures were decided for the maintenance of public order, especially in the Universities. The Minister of Education proposed a decree, according to which any acts of violence or disobedience of the law will be punished and the law strictly enforced.

Political federations will be disarmed and dissolved, regardless of the party for which they fight. Persons in the service of the State are liable to punishment if they violate the pledge given on assuming office. The report points out that the activities of the political parties will not be curtailed by these measures.

The Minister of Education presented a plan of reorganisation for the universities, improving discipline and establishing punishment for the violation of university rules. The announcement was also made of a bill in preparation, which includes compulsory labour service.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## \$12,000,000 LOAN FOR KWANGTUNG

(Continued from Page 1)

GEN. TSAI'S PLANS  
General Tsi Ting-kai will lead the troops into Kwangtung if war starts, while the army going northward, with the intention of capturing Hengchow, will be led by the Kwangsi military brain, General Pei, himself.

In order to attract the sympathies of the Kwangtung people as well as the Kwangtung armies, the Kwangsi warlords remark that "Kwang" will not fight against "Kwang." It is definitely confirmed that while the Kwangsi armies entered Linchow and Pak-hoi the Kwangtung armies there made no resistance and retreated. The Kwangsi military officers now in occupation of those places do not interfere with the different civil and financial offices, but the heads of these offices have already returned to Canton.

Some of the Chinese papers say that the Kwangsi armies in Pak-hoi have retreated, but this is not confirmed. They seem to have the intention of holding these two places until peace is settled.

### SIR SAMUEL HOARE VISITS MEDITERRANEAN FLEET

London, to-day: A Malta message states that Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, is now aboard H.M.S. Arethusa on his way to Haifa to visit the ships and naval units there. After leaving Haifa Sir Samuel will rejoin the Admiralty yacht Enchantress at Famagusta.—British Wireless Service.

### FLEET MOVEMENTS

H. M. Submarines Pandora and Osiris are due to-day from Singapore.

The Japanese gunboat Saga leaves port to-day for exercises, returns on Saturday and finally leaves on Monday.

## BRITAIN TO JOHANNESBURG AIR CLASSIC

Fourteen Machines Entered

TOMMY ROSE TO TAKE PART

London, To-day.  
There will be 14 entrants for the Britain to Johannesburg air race, scheduled to start from Portsmouth at 6.15 a.m. on September 29. The machines will start at one-minute intervals. The only official control will be at Cairo, although the competitors must be seen turning at Belgrade.

There are three entries from South Africa and one from India. The aircraft consist of three Percival New Gulls and four Percival Vegas, three Miles machines, two B. A. Eagles, one De Havilland and one Airspeed Envoy. Prominent pilots are Messrs. Victor Smith (Miles Sparrowhawk), Tommy Rose (B. A. Double Eagle) and C. W. A. Scott (Percival Vega).—Reuter.

### GROUND ORGANISATION

London: Final details completing intricate organisation of the Schlesinger Air Race from London to Johannesburg on September 29, for which 14 well-known British racing airmen have entered, were issued yesterday by the Racing Committee of the Royal Aero Club. The race will begin from Portsmouth airport at 6.15 a.m. Machines will start at intervals of one minute, and these differences in time will be adjusted at Cairo, which is the only official control in the race, although competitors must be seen turning at Zimur aerodrome at Belgrade.

Imperial Airways have undertaken the responsibility of airport lighting and ground control at all the known airports on the route between Cairo and Johannesburg. The airports will remain lighted all night during the nights of September 29 and 30 and October 1.—British Wireless Service.

## ORDEAL OF AIR TRAVELLERS

Relief Comes Not A Minute Too Soon

Karachi, To-day.  
The eight passengers of the Imperial Airways airliner Horsa were landed here yesterday, and will be sent on to their various destinations to-day.

Most of the passengers were reluctant to tell of their horrible ordeal, but one stated that the relief came not one minute too early, as they were on the verge of collapse.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

### TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT POSTPONED

London, to-day.—Mrs. Beryl Markham, of Kenya, has postponed her trans-Atlantic flight from Abingdon Aerodrome until to-day on account of adverse weather reports.—British Wireless Service.

### NEW AIRLINE OPENED

Prague, to-day.—A joint line, operated by the Czechoslovak Civil Air Lines and the Russian Aero Transport, was opened to traffic yesterday.—Trans-Ocean Service.

### WEATHER REPORT

Pressure is highest over Japan and the neighbouring seas; it is relatively low in a trough extending from Tongking across N. Luzon and Formosa to the Pacific. The forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning was: East and north-east winds, moderate; fair to showery.

### FRENCH TEXTILE WORKERS ON STRIKE

Paris, to-day.—About 1,800 textile workers went on strike in Amiens yesterday. The strikers adopted the "stay-in" tactics, occupying four factories.—Trans-Ocean Service.

### WIRELESS AS AIR DEFENCE

A police wireless station, designed for receiving warning messages in the event of raids by enemy aircraft, is to be built in Reservoir-road, Woolton, the highest point in Liverpool.

## PROHIBITION ON WHALING

British Statement Issued

REGULATIONS WITHDRAWN

London, To-day.

It was announced last evening that the British Government have decided, with great reluctance, to withdraw the regulation imposing on whaling ships registered in the United Kingdom a close season for whaling in Antarctic waters, and to impose on such ships such regulations only as are required by the 1931 International Convention for the protection of whales.

The decision to withdraw the regulation, it is stated, has been forced upon the Government by circumstances which they are powerless to control. Suggestions which have appeared, to the effect that Norway is a champion of the protection of whales while Great Britain stands in the way, are regarded as a complete misrepresentation of position.

So far as the British Government is concerned, the question is one of securing a reasonable limitation of the number of whales killed without unduly enhancing the price of whale-oil, and of protecting British companies from sabotage inspired by their foreign competitors. His Majesty's Government is still prepared, if the Norwegian blockade is unconditionally withdrawn, to discuss any reasonable proposal for the limitation of the catch during the forthcoming season.—British Wireless Service.

## FILM INDUSTRY PRIZES

Germany Gains Many Successes

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Venice, To-day.  
Germany secured the first prize at the Fourth International Film Exhibition with Luis Trenker's film "The Emperor of California," also winning two further prizes and five medals with other films, thereby gaining the largest number of prizes of any nation represented.

The prize for the best direction went to the French director, M. Feyder, for "La Kermesse Heroique," and that for the best photography to the British film "Tudor Rose."

Annabella was voted the best actress of the year for her performance in Veilles d'Armes, while the prize for the best actor went to Paul Muni for the film "The Life Of Louis Pasteur."

Two Italian films, one, the "March of the Heroes," dealing with the Abyssinian war and "A Glimpse At The Bottom Of The Sea" won the first prizes as the best political and scientific films respectively.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## FINANCES IN AMERICA

HUGE DEFICIT FOR CURRENT YEAR

Washington, To-day.  
A gross deficit of \$2,097,000,000 in the current fiscal year is forecast by President Roosevelt in a revised budget summary, raising the previous revenue estimates.

The President estimates a net deficit of \$1,517,000,000, after deducting \$580,000,000 allotted for statutory debt redemption during the year.

President Roosevelt forecasts that the gross public debt at June 30 will be \$34,189,000,000, a net increase of \$410,000,000 during the year.—Reuter.

### McEWEN YOUNGER DARTS LEAGUE

The McEwen, Younger Darts League season has been won by The Royal Artillery, Lyemum, with 95 points. The Royal Engineers are second with 91 points, while R. A. (Stonecutters) are third two points behind. The programme will be brought officially to a close with the usual Champions' v. Best match, which will be played after September 8.

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